

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 14 and 16 to 24 are pending in this application. Claim 15 is cancelled. Claims 1 to 4, 16 to 20, and 23 are rejected. Claims 5 to 14, 21, 22, and 24 are allowed. Claims 1 and 19 are amended. In view of foregoing amendments and following remarks, the applicants request allowance of the application.

Examiner Interview

On November 17, 2009, Applicants' representative and Examiner discussed proposed amendments to claims 1 and 19 including a processor executing program instructions to overcome the outstanding non-statutory rejections. Examiner indicated that he would review the proposed amendments in a formal response and the amendments have been included as part of this response.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to recite a computer system comprising a processor executing program instructions with the executed program instructions instantiating other elements of the claim, and are therefore directed to statutory subject matter. Accordingly the rejection of claims 1 and 19, and claims 2 to 4, 16 to 18, 20, and 23, which all depend on claims 1 and 19, should be withdrawn. Since this is the only outstanding rejection, claims 1 to 24 should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

All outstanding rejections have been overcome. It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is in clear condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at 212-908-6451 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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